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Even More E-Books for Children and Teens

Last month [we announced](#) the addition of thousands of e-books and e-audiobooks in [cloudLibrary](#) for kids and teens in response to the pandemic.

Now, the Wyoming State Library is excited to announce we have even more! In late December, we made an additional \$750,000 in cloudLibrary purchases for young readers. In total, nearly \$1 million has gone into providing nearly 50,000 digital items — 11,190 e-audiobooks and 35,042 e-books — to keep K-12 students reading and learning at home. With this latest purchase, downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks for young readers comprise approximately 56% of the electronic materials available.

These items are available to the state's residents with a library card from any Wyoming public or community college library. Visit GoWYLD.net and click on [Digital Library](#) to access.



If you include materials for all ages, the WSL offers over 34,500 titles and more than 88,000 copies of e-books and e-audiobooks, so there's plenty of reading material available anytime from anywhere with an internet connection.

Want to spread the word to your patrons? The State Library has provided a social media kit [on our blog](#). Use and repurpose the press release, social media graphics, and suggested posts for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, or use them as idea starters for your own tailored messages.

WSL News



KEEP YOUR PATRONS SAFE ONLINE WITH CYBER SAFETY PROGRAMS

We're seeing more and more Wyoming libraries take advantage of the Wyoming CAN (Cybersecurity Action Network) videos to help their patrons become more cyber safe. This 10-minute video-based program is designed to be distributed at local libraries. The latest is on how to [Configure Your Password Questions](#). The Wyoming State Library partners with the Wyoming CAN Committee to offer this free "cyber-in-a-box" educational program.

CREATIVE AGING CALL FOR ARTISTS

Wyoming has a growing community of older adults. One effective way to address adverse health effects associated with aging is with intentional arts engagement. This field is referred to as Creative Aging.

Through a partnership between the Wyoming Arts Council, the Wyoming State Library, and Lifetime Arts, training will be provided to teaching artists and librarians throughout the state where they will learn innovative direct arts programming for older adults. The Wyoming Arts Council is now [accepting applications](#) from Wyoming based artists to participate in a free virtual training from March 8-10.

The Wyoming Arts Council will co-host, with Lifetime Arts, an informational webinar for library programmers and artists on February 3. [Learn more and register.](#)

For more information contact Josh Chrysler at the Wyoming Arts Council at (307) 256-2010 or joshua.chrysler@wyo.gov.

Want More News?

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MORE WYOMING MUSEUMS JOIN DPLA



Fight on the Little Bighorn (Custer's Last Stand) from The Brinton Museum's collection in DPLA.

[The Brinton Museum](#) and [Meeteetse Museums](#) recently became new partners in the [Plains to Peaks Collective \(PPC\)](#), a hub of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

These two museums contributed nearly 7,000 items to this searchable online collection of more than 41 million records. Nine Wyoming institutions now collectively share more than 124,000 unique historical items in DPLA.

The Brinton Museum at the Quarter Circle A Ranch is a special place with a long and colorful history and is home to one of the premier institutions in the northern Rockies. The name originates from Bradford Brinton who acquired the last remaining section of William Moncrieff's ranch in 1923. They've contributed nearly 6,000 items to DPLA so far.

Meeteetse Museum District collections include natural history specimens, art and photographs, and historical object, photographic, and archival collections of Meeteetse and the surrounding area. Their addition to DPLA of nearly 900 items includes

over 700 photos of physical items held in their collections ranging from barbed wire to core samples from Kirwin to a zucchini cookbook.

These two museums received additional assistance with software upgrades and hosting fees through a [Carol McMurry Library Endowment Grant](#) from the Wyoming Community Foundation. [Learn more](#) on our blog. The PPC is made possible through a partnership between the Wyoming State Library and Colorado State Library.



A Kustom Signals velocimeter (radar gun) used by the Meeteetse Marshal.

What's Up?

If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov.

School Libraries

MALCOLM WALLOP CIVIC ENGAGEMENT K-12 CURRICULUM VIRTUAL LIBRARY

As schools across Wyoming face a growing need for virtual education resources, the University of Wyoming [Wallop Civic Engagement Program](#) shifted its focus to address the need. Through the creation of a virtual curriculum catalog, new free resources will be available for Wyoming teachers. The virtual library includes short video presentations across a range of topics, such as civics, civic engagement, government, history, geography and economics — all from UW faculty and partners from Wyoming community colleges and public experts.

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR 2021 AASL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

[Registration is now open](#) for the 2021 American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National Conference. The conference, taking place October 21-23, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah, convenes school library professionals for in-person learning and networking opportunities. Content at the conference will be rooted in AASL's "National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries." Wyoming librarians are encouraged to apply for a [Carol McMurry Library Endowment grant](#) if they need financial help.

Wyoming Library Association

LEADERSHIP GROUP STARTS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



The Wyoming Library Association [LEAD \(Leadership Excellence and Development\)](#) interest group launched the WLA Mentorship Program in October 2020 at the organization's virtual conference.

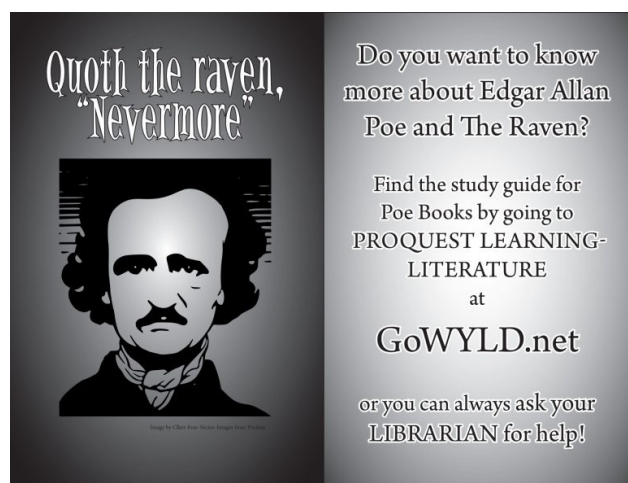
The program fills a need for a library mentorship program for all Wyoming library staff members, professional and support staff alike.

LEAD and WLA are now taking applications and starting the matching process between mentors and protégés. This is a 12-month program, inspired by successful mentorship programs at organizations like American Library Association.

[Learn more and apply.](#) Questions may be directed to the LEAD chair or co-chair.

Databases & Electronic Resources

CELEBRATING EDGAR ALLAN POE'S BIRTHDAY WITH GOWYLD



On January 19, we celebrated the birthday of Edgar Allan Poe, who wrote touching lyrics to the macabre. There are good sources of information on Edgar Allan Poe in [GoWYLD.net](https://www.gowylld.net): Britannica Library, Literature Online (LION), Biography (Gale in Context), and a great resource for kids and adults, Proquest Learning: Literature.

In Proquest Learning: Literature you'll find a biography of his life and works, reference, a bibliography, and criticism. This database also includes KnowledgeNote Study Guides. Each Study Guide contains an author and plot overview, character notes, and detailed

summaries offering students guidance on literary style, themes, and motifs. In this same resource, you can also find Poe poems read by other poets. Learn more and read about some of his lesser-known works [on our blog](#). Have questions about the [GoWYLD.net](https://www.gowylld.net) resources? Contact Chris Van Burgh, Wyoming State Library Database Instruction Librarian, at (307) 777-3642 or chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov.

TOP 2020 PATRON TITLE SEARCHES FROM SYNETICS UNBOUND

Ever wonder what patrons are searching for in library catalogs? Here are the top 15 searches for 2020, aggregated from all the U.S. public libraries that use Syndetics Unbound. [See more](#) on their blog.

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
2. *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins
3. *Camino Winds* by John Grisham
4. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
5. *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides
6. *The Guest List: A Novel* by Lucy Foley
7. *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
8. *Walk the Wire* by David Baldacci
9. *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng
10. *28 Summers* by Elin Hilderbrand
11. *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett
12. *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid
13. *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover
14. *Fair Warning* by Michael Connelly
15. *The Boy from the Woods* by Harlan Coben

Trustees, Friends, & Foundations

SPACE PLANNING RESOURCES FOR RENOVATIONS AND NEW LIBRARIES

The Massachusetts Libraries Board of Library Commissioners released a brand-new resource for library space planning.

[Library Space: A Planning Resource for Libraries](#)

specifically focuses on the step-by-step process of public library design and includes illustrations of seating, room types, shelving, and more. It empowers librarians, administrators, and designers with the tools for planning and redesigning public libraries. Find more space planning resources in the Wyoming State Library's handbooks for [boards](#) and [directors](#).



moving on to become a Network Administrator before her promotion as the library's first IT Division Manager.

Cathy Summerall retired in December from her job as part-time bookkeeper at the Sublette County Library. Cathy served the libraries for 10 years, keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes.

Government Information

SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNMENT INFORMATION: INAUGURATION

On January 20, 2021, a new president and vice president were sworn into office as part of the 59th [Inauguration Day](#) ceremonies. Speeches and other public events marked the transfer of power from one administration to the next.

What happens behind the scenes to ensure the federal government continues to operate smoothly during a change in leadership? According to this [timeline](#), a Presidential Transition Directory was launched in November 2019. The U.S. General Services Administration outlines other important dates and activities that must occur prior to January 20. Approximately a year in advance of Inauguration Day, the [Government Publishing Office](#) (GPO) in

People News

Sue Hollingshead has retired as Laramie County Library System's Information Technology Division Manager after a 24-year career with the library. Sue began working at the organization in 1996 as a Network Specialist,

collaboration with the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC) starts designing and producing items including invitations, tickets, stationery, and other items.

After the November election, the president-elect begins selecting and appointing people to fill important roles in federal agencies and cabinet positions. The Office of Personnel Management develops a [guide](#) to assist the incoming president and current agency leadership with policies and regulations to follow during the transition. The [Plum Book](#) provides detailed information related to these key positions including names, pay grades, and tenure.

Training

MEDIA LITERACY FOR ADULTS GUIDE AND WEBINARS

In response to the need for media literacy education, the American Library Association (ALA) has released a free [digital guide and related webinar series](#) to help library workers. The materials were created for out-of-school adult audiences, who library workers will generally meet in a public library



context. However, many of the approaches and best practices explored are appropriate for a classroom or other library setting.

“[Media Literacy in the Library: A Guide for Library Practitioners](#)” contains information, program ideas, and conversation starters on topics like misinformation and disinformation; architecture of the internet; civics; media landscape and economics; and media creation and engagement. A series of one-hour webinars will explore these concepts from the guide. The webinars are free for all library workers, though space is limited. Sessions will be recorded.

RIPL DATA BOOT CAMP WEBINARS

Is one of your new year’s resolutions to get your library’s data in shape? Then spend the winter with the Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL) and participate in the Data Boot Camp Series! This free webinar series features curriculum from the RIPL 2020 national event. Come ready to participate in a variety of interactive learning activities, some of which will occur in small groups in breakout rooms. The webinar series begins January 27; all sessions will be recorded. [Learn more and register.](#)

ONLINE TRAINING ‘AT YOUR LEISURE’

In addition to the live webinars in our training calendar, each month we try to pick some videos out there that you can watch “At Your Leisure.”

These on-demand offerings caught our attention for January:

- [Intro to Podcasting \(Podcasting 101, Part 1\)](#) (Wyoming State Library)
- [Thinking about Race, Voting Rights, and the Past: People, Moments, and Documents](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)
- [Building a Fundable Strategic Plan](#) (EveryLibrary Institute)
- [Personal Planning for Professional Development](#) (Montana State Library)

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ARSL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

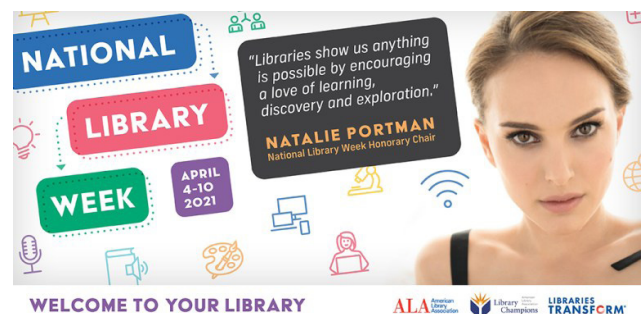
The Association for Rural and Small Libraries has launched its inaugural ARSL [Outstanding in Their Field Leadership Institute](#). They will be looking for 30 people who are currently working in rural and/or small libraries throughout the country. All participant travel, materials, and instructional expenses are paid for by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Applications will be accepted through February 24.

Share the News!

Do you have colleagues who aren't on the *Outrider* mailing list? Encourage them to [sign up](#) and catch all the library news.

Events

PORTMAN IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK HONORARY CHAIR



Natalie Portman, Academy Award-winning actress, director, producer, author, and activist, will shine a spotlight on our nation's libraries as the honorary chair of [National Library Week](#), April 4-10, 2021. She will highlight the essential role of libraries, librarians, and library workers in serving their communities, especially during challenging times.

The theme for National Library Week 2021, "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Free digital graphics promoting National Library Week are [now available](#).

NLW celebrations include the release of ALA's 2021 "State of America's Libraries Report" on April 5, National Library Workers Day on April

6, National Day for Bookmobiles and Outreach Services on April 7, Take Action for Libraries Day on April 8, and the celebration of School Library Month throughout April.

Library Jobs

Adult Services Event Coordinator

Laramie County Library System
Cheyenne, WY

Closes at 12:00 p.m. MST on January 25, 2021

Find more on the [WSL jobs board](#).

Intellectual Property

COPYRIGHT TOOLS, BEST PRACTICES, AND MORE

Whether you're teaching students the basics of copyright or trying to make sure you don't run afoul of the law yourself, the Alaska State Library can help. As part of their Online With Libraries (OWL) project, they've put together an [extensive set of resources](#) on copyright.

SIX COPYRIGHT CONCEPTS K-12 STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW

The Library of Congress, with the U.S. Copyright Office, has assembled [six points to remember](#)

when teaching students about copyright. Incorporating copyright concepts into your lesson plans can help engage a student's creativity and foster an appreciation for the importance of protecting creative works.

Grants & Awards

H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant

DEADLINE: February 1, 2021

An annual award of \$3,500 and a citation given to a library organization whose application demonstrates greatest merit for a program of staff development designed to further the goals and objectives of the library organization.

ALA/Information Today, Inc. Library of the Future Award

DEADLINE: February 1, 2021

An award of \$1,200 and a citation to honor an individual library, library consortium, group of librarians, or support organization for innovative planning for, applications of, or development of patron training programs about information technology in a library setting.

Penguin Random House Library Award for Innovation

DEADLINE: February 2, 2021

This annual award recognizes U.S. libraries and librarians who create lasting innovative community service programs that successfully

inspire and connect with new readers. The award consists of a \$10,000 cash prize. It is open to public, school, and academic libraries. The jury will award four runners-up \$1,000 in Penguin Random House books to eligible libraries.

Gale, A Cengage Company, Financial Development Award

DEADLINE: February 2, 2021

An annual award consisting of \$2,500 and a 24k gold-framed citation presented to a library organization to recognize an innovative, creative, well-organized project that successfully developed income from alternative sources. The alternative sources may include, but are not limited to: individual gifts, foundations, endowments, “challenge” grants, and related efforts.

Snapdragon Book Foundation Grants

DEADLINE: February 14, 2021

Grants typically ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 are given to U.S. school libraries serving children in grades Pre-K through 12. Funds may be used for books that will be used repeatedly by school-aged children, processing or cataloging fees from book vendors, reference materials for use by students, and magazine or newspaper subscriptions.

Lola Homsher Research Grants

DEADLINE: February 28, 2021

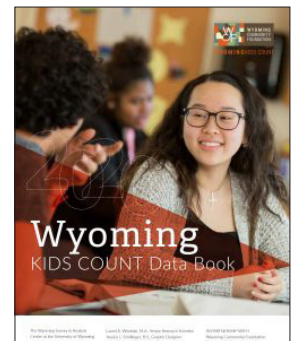
Need financial assistance to help finalize your history project? The Wyoming State Historical

Society, a non-profit membership driven educational organization, offers cash grants to people involved in research activities based on various aspects of the state’s history. The grants, ranging from \$100 up to \$1,500 are awarded based on applications submitted to the Society’s Lola Homsher Endowment Fund Committee.

News in Brief

2020 Wyoming Kids Count Data Book Now Available

The Wyoming KIDS Count Data Book takes a county-by-county look at the well-being of Wyoming children and families. It includes information ranging from health to education and much more. KIDS COUNT is a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation designed to track the well-being of children by providing high quality data and trend analysis.



Call for Applications for Community History Web Archiving Program

The Internet Archive invites public libraries in the United States and cultural heritage organizations in U.S. territories to apply to join its Community History Web Archiving program. Apply by January 31, 2021, to join a diverse network of 150+ public libraries and librarians

who are documenting local history, growing their professional skills, increasing institutional technical capacity, and building a public understanding of web archiving.

Book Clubs in Lockdown: New Research, Free Report

“Book Clubs in Lockdown” examines how book clubs have responded to the challenges of 2020 and how some of these changes will impact book groups for the long term. It is based on original research analyzing over 3,400 survey responses collected this October with many findings particularly relevant for public librarians. The report is also relevant to those in book clubs, so librarians may wish to share findings or the download link in their own communications.

White Paper on Serving non-English Speakers and Newcomers to the U.S.

The American Library Association’s New Americans Library Project explored the landscape of literature and resources about library services for new Americans, studied how libraries can more effectively serve new Americans, and made recommendations about this topic for the library field. This white paper provides a synthesis of the project to help library professionals understand opportunities for libraries’ work with new Americans.

Toolkit for Spanish-Speaking Populations

The Library Service to Underserved Children and Their Caregivers committee is devoting the 2020-

2021 calendar year to creating a vibrant, dynamic toolkit with up-to-date resources for working with marginalized populations. In December, the LSCUTC Toolkit focused on resources for serving Spanish-speaking populations. Most of the resources focus on creating an inclusive space for Spanish-speaking families through materials, programs, and outreach.

Guide to Law Online: U.S. States and Territories

The Law Library of Congress has announced the launch of a redesigned Guide to Law Online: U.S. States and Territories at its new Library of Congress Research Guides location. This project originally started in 1999 as an outgrowth of the nation-specific guide portal, with the state pages created to provide quick links to primary and selected secondary free online resources. The initial launch included Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, and Arkansas. Groups of 5-10 states will be added alphabetically each week.

Resources to Recognize and Counter COVID-19 Vaccine Mis/Disinformation

As the COVID-19 vaccine inches closer to widespread distribution, help your patrons and community find reputable and reliable information about the vaccine with these resources from the Texas State Library and Archives. Also included are some helpful tutorials on spotting fake news and evaluating information found on the web.